

IN THE SPECIFICATION

Please replace the paragraph at page 1, prenumbered lines 20 to 27, with the following rewritten paragraph:

Various methods have been proposed for the station-side communicating apparatus to allocate the upload bandwidth in response to bandwidth requests from the subscriber devices and according to service levels of the subscriber devices. The ~~patent document 1~~ first literature Japanese application patent laid-open publication No. 2001-53711, for example, discloses the bandwidth allocation method in the wireless communication system. The ~~non-patent~~ second literature “Dynamic Bandwidth Allocation Algorithm for GE-PON (International Conference on Optical Internet ((OJN2002))” document 2, for example, discloses the bandwidth allocation method in the PON system. The ~~patent document 3~~ third literature Japanese application patent laid-open publication No. 2000-244527, for example, discloses the bandwidth allocation method in the LAN system.

Please replace the paragraph at page 1, prenumbered line 28 to page 2, line 7, with the following rewritten paragraph:

For easy understanding of the present invention, the conventional dynamic bandwidth-allocation method will be described below (Figs. 1 to 4) with reference to the PON system disclosed in the ~~non-patent document 2~~ second literature. Note that because the ~~non-patent document 2~~ second literature does not clearly specify the transmission type, the description below uses the transmission type disclosed in the ~~patent document 3~~ third literature. Fig. 1 is a block diagram for illustrating a general configuration of the PON system. Fig. 2 is a block diagram for illustrating an example of a configuration of a subscriber terminating apparatus shown in Fig. 1. Fig. 3 is a block diagram for illustrating an example of a configuration of a portion of a station-side communicating apparatus shown in

Fig. 1, which relates to a bandwidth allocation. Fig. 4 is a flowchart of a processing procedure for a conventional dynamic bandwidth-allocation method.

Please delete the paragraphs at page 6, lines 11-17 in their entirety.

Please delete the paragraph at page 12, line 26.

Please delete the paragraph at page 21, line 17.